

As You See the Day Drawing Near

Hebrews 10:19-25

Introduction:

- A. The “Day” to look forward to
 - 1. What is the day? – the day of Christ’s visible r_____
 - a. Jesus will put an end to sin and d_____ for those who believe in Him (1Cor 15:54,55)
 - b. Jesus will make every believer p_____ in every aspect of their being (1Thess 5:23,24 – body, soul, & spirit).
 - c. Jesus will g_____ all believers together to be in the presence of the Lord forever (1Thess 5:23,24).
 - d. Believers will rule with Jesus on this earth for _____ years (Rev 5:9,10; 20:6).
 - 2. Believers are commanded to live rightly today as they see that day drawing.
 - a. This was an u_____ command for the immediate readers.
 - b. How much more so for us today.
- B. Today’s lesson focuses on how to fulfill this urgent command in relationship to three areas – will you be diligent in fulfilling this command?

Our relationship to God – enter His presence (19-22a)

- A. The Hebrew readers had witnessed the fulfillment of a _____ prophecies that were 400 to 2000 years old.
 - 1. Example 1 - The coming of the long-awaited M_____
 - 2. Example 2 - The putting into effect the New C_____
- B. The Hebrew readers witnessed the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.
 - 1. The Old Covenant – the old way had a system of priests and a temple system with b_____ sacrifices
 - a. A v_____ blocked the entrance to the innermost part of the temple.
 - b. No one could enter behind that veil except the High Priest and only once per year or else they could d_____ (Lev 16:2).
 - c. This was a reminder the s_____ was still a great barrier between God and His people.
 - 2. The New Covenant – the new and l_____ way replaces the old way – how? (vv. 19,20)

- a. The blood of Jesus replaced the blood of a _____ - He only had to be sacrificed once for sin which is good for all time (v. 19)
 - b. The flesh of Jesus replaced the v _____ (v. 20)
 - 1) This happened at His last breath when He yelled, "It is f _____" (Jn 19:30)
 - 2) At Jesus' death, the veil of the temple was ripped from top to bottom opening up the way into the Holy of Holies (Matt 27:51).
 - a) The priests were required to make two d _____ sacrifices – a morning one and an evening one without exception (Ex 29:38-42)
 - b) These priests witnessed the veil ripping because they would have been preparing the evening sacrifice – they would have been t _____
 - 3) Now, only through Jesus can anyone approach the p _____ of God (1Tim 2:4).
- C. The Hebrew writer urges the readers to be diligent in drawing n _____ to God (v. 22a). – Are you diligently drawing near to God?
1. Much more prophecy has been fulfilled since the book of Hebrews was written and so this command is even more urgent.
 - a. Rev 18 – the fall of R _____ was fulfilled in 400's A.D.
 - b. Rev 6:8 – the sixth seal was fulfilled (1/4 of the earth has been killed with the combination of the following)
 - 1) The killing with the s _____ (The rise of Islam in the 600's)
 - 2) The great f _____ of history
 - 3) The p _____ that were spread by wildlife (e.g. bubonic plague).
 - c. Matt 24:2 – the complete destruction of the Jerusalem t _____ (fulfilled in 70 A.D.)
 - d. Rev 5:9 – Jesus will save people from e _____ tribe, tongue, nation, and class of people (great progress)
 2. How do we draw near to God?
 - a. It is not through p _____ (anyone can say words)
 - b. It is through a sincere h _____
 - 1) Just e _____ His presence (no words needed)
 - 2) Have a heart-to-heart with the Lord

Relationship to the world – expect His coming (22b,23)

- A. The world works to pollute our minds and bodies (v. 22b)

1. Lev 16:24-26 – under the old way, ceremonial rituals of blood and water were done to c_____ oneself so as to be used by God (see also Ex 19:5,6)
 2. Jn 17:15,16 – Jesus instructed that believers are to be IN the world without being _____ of the world – it is important that we keep contact with the world.
- B. We are to hold fast to the confession of our h_____ (v. 23)
1. Hope refers to the v_____ return of Christ (we know this by verse 25 – the “Day”)
 2. Holding fast its confession is l_____ today the way Jesus wants as we eagerly expect His return (see Matt 24:45-49).
- C. Two ways that you make an eternal difference
1. Living as God wants a _____ people to Christ (Matt 5:16)
 2. Cooperating with one another in advancing the gospel b_____ people to Christ (Matt 28:18-20)

Relationship to the church – edify His people (24,25)

- A. Building up one another requires g_____ thought (v. 24)
1. The writer commands us to c_____ (this translates a Greek word that literally means to bear down on your thinking).
 2. The writer tells us what we are to ponder: *how to stimulate one another to love and g_____ deeds.*
 - a. The word love is without an object but in light of Jesus’ teachings love must be toward G_____ and toward ALL those around us (Matt 22:37,38)
 - b. The word love requires us to do un_____ deeds (love and good deeds are linked).
- B. Building up one another requires g_____ together regularly for mutual encouragement.
1. Many Christians neglect this because of b_____ experiences and think that all churches are hopeless (but look at all the problems the N.T. churches had)
 2. It takes w_____ to make a local church a loving and giving body. Stick with us and work in building each other up.
 3. Not so obvious examples of loving encouragement where there is no personal gain
 - a. H_____ someone who is experiencing some kind of loss - no word needed
 - b. P_____ as a group for someone who is experiencing a life-change.
 - c. H_____ someone by lending a hand or just being present.

Conclusion:

- A. What will that future be like that God has promised for all who love Him? – we can only i_____

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him - 1Cor 2:9

- B. What will your life today be like as you see that “Day” drawing near?